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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Sirs:

I strongly object to the proposed settlement of this case.

Part of our Judicial System's function is to deter law breaking. While not actually able to stop criminal behavior directly, the penalties that Courts assign act as stern examples of what awaits offenders. This case has gone on for many years and the ultimate decision was that Microsoft was guilty. In these many years the defendant has shown little regard for the gravity of the situation in which it was involved. In fact part of the charges that this company was found guilty, was that it had disregarded a previous court order regarding OEM practices and Internet browser bundling. During these many years this disregard of a previous court order, Microsoft has reaped great financial rewards as it crushed competition with illegal activity. This cavalier attitude toward the authority of our Judicial courts is in itself offensive and dangerous behavior in a lawful society. Surely much sterner consequences should await any such offenders with such attitudes in a Federal Courts!

As a parent I know that defiance in the face of correction or discipline is itself a grave problem. If I am lenient and ignore such defiance my children receive little motivation to modify their behavior. As our country's institution of wise elders that mete out correction and discipline to our society, I would hope that the court is like minded.

Sincerely
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